

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. The examiner would like to note that Figures 1-4 should be re-submitted to ensure that Figure 5, as discussed below, will not be included in the issued patent.
2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Todd Blakely on 6 October 2010 and 7 October 2010.

The application has been amended as follows:

In the Claims:

Claim 36, line 12, insert the limitation —and substantially perpendicularly—after the phrase “outwardly and inwardly.”

Claim 36, line 13, replace the phrase “the long axis” with the phrase —a long axis—.

Claim 53, line 7, insert the word —an—before the word “electromechanically.”

Claim 56, line 7, insert the word —an—before the word “electromechanically.”

In the Drawings:

Figure 5, filed 28 April 2008, should be cancelled and should not be included with the other figures in the application. The application should only include Figures 1-4.

3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Although the references of record show some similar features of applicant's claimed device, the prior art fails to teach or make obvious the claimed invention, wherein the claims are drawn to an electromechanical lock cylinder having an electromechanically driven blocking or coupling element moved from a rest position to an operating position and produces a splined connection between the key or knob and a lock tab, with the blocking or coupling element being arranged on or in the lock core or on or in the knob shaft and rotates with it, and also including an eccentric that moves a driver back and forth between the rest position and the operating position, with the movement of the driver being in a direction radially outwardly and substantially perpendicular relative to a long axis of the lock core or knob shaft, with the eccentric having a pin arranged eccentrically around a motor shaft, which engages in a groove extending across the lift movement of the driver and perpendicular to the motor shaft, whose position and length are dimensioned, so that a rotary movement from the rest position into the operating position is only possible in one direction of rotation, and the rotational movement from the operating position into the rest position of the driver is only possible in the opposite direction of rotation.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to ALYSON M. MERLINO whose telephone number is (571)272-2219. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday, 7:30 - 5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Peter Cuomo can be reached on (571) 272-6856. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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